shifting of the present Parappukkara Ayurvedic Dispensary ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to inform this House the nature of the order ;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state the distance between the present Ayurvedic Dispensary and the rural dispensary at Pudukkad ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Please see answer to question No. 335.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) A little less than 2 miles.

PEONS IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS—NUMBER AND PAY OF

337. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many peons are employed in each department; and

(*b*) what salaries are attached to their posts ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the printed budget for 1116 placed on the Council Table.

ANCHAL DEPARTMENT—INTRODUCTION OF SAVINGS BANK SYSTEM, ETC.

338. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware that, if the public are allowed to open savings bank accounts in the State Anchal Offices, both Government and the people stand to benefit by it;

(*b*) will Government also kindly consider the desirability of instituting the system of issuing cash certificates to the public;

(*c*) are Government aware that by giving such facilities to the public, Government stand to have ample funds at their disposal at very low rates of interest ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*b*) & (*c*) Government cannot accept the suggestions underlying the question.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state what the reasons are ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* To give the reasons categorically is very difficult. If reasons are required, of course, I can give general reasons.

Mr. President: The most important thing is that, when we are to allow a department to collect public funds in this manner, the question of safety of the funds will arise. Our Heads of Departments are not constituted on that basis with a view to safeguard the public funds collected in this manner. Just as in the Post Office, you will have to create a higher cadre, and the entire system at present existing will have to be re-modelled. Government should not be expected to take up such a work.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to note that the number of kuries is becoming less, and that people find it rather difficult to save their small balances ?

Mr. President: There are the Post Office Cash Certificates.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I am speaking of villages—rural places like Mulanthuruthi, Amballur, etc., where there are no post offices.

Mr. President: Government cannot undertake this.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to consider the question of taking proper steps for making the department efficient and praise-worthy ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: തിരുവിതാംകൂർ അഞ്ചൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിൽ സേവിംഗ്സ് അക്കൌണ്ട് സിസ്റ്റം ഉണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The conditions may be different. We gave our best consideration to all the aspects of the question, and came to the conclusion that we could not take it up.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: അവിടെ അതു ശരിയായനിലയിൽ നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to consider the remodelling of the department, if necessary, for the purpose ?

Mr. President: We have no intention of taking up that work.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Government are aware that the pay of Branch Anchal Masters does not exceed Rs. 6 to Rs. 8, and that in spite of this low pay, they do satisfactory work ?

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Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Do Government admit that the people will be benefited if this principle is accepted?

Mr. President: That is a hypothetical question, because the success of such an undertaking depends on the extent of the funds that will come in this manner. The statistics of population and the volume of response in regard to this have to be taken into consideration. From the experience in British India, the inevitable inference has to be drawn that this system is popular only among a very limited number of people, and my own belief is that in the case of the people of the villages about whom the hon'ble members are thinking, there would not be sufficient savings forthcoming.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The poor classes have nothing to save at all.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I may point out that, due to war, the credit of our State has gone up, and all the upper and middle class people may prefer to invest their savings in the State Anchal Offices, if the system is introduced here.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—CLOSING OF A FOOTPATH TO VENDURUTHI

339. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) whether the notice relating to the Port of Cochin published in the Gazette of Dhanu 21, 1116, page 309 is published under the authority of Government, or whether it is a private notice;

(*b*) which is the private path mentioned in the said notice;

(*c*) whether this private path is within the jurisdiction of the State;

(*d*) what is the need for closing this private path to public traffic, on the 10th January 1941;

(*e*) who is this officer-in-charge and of what office is he in charge?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) It is a private notice.

(*b*) The private path is a foot-path to Venduruthi going south-east from the Railway Station in Willingdon Island—Survey 2578 of Mattancheri village.

(*c*) Yes.

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